

Hangar Tales

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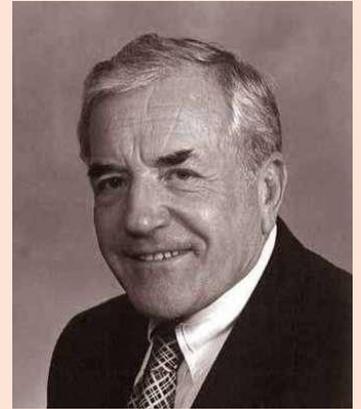
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Dick Ash

Aviator, Benefactor, Friend

On January 11, 2019, the National Warplane Museum lost a great friend and benefactor with the passing of Dick Ash. Dick was CEO of Livingston Associates (CP Ward) and was on the Board of Directors for the NWM and the Genesee Country Village and Museum. Dick was predeceased by his wife, Joan. He is survived by two daughters, Catherine (David) Strong and Jennifer (Brian) Geer, and two grandchildren, Peytyn and Parker Geer.



Dick in the Left seat of "Whiskey 7"

Aviator

Dick worked hard all his life and aviation became his outlet. A commercially rated pilot, Dick discovered his love of flying when he was invited by a friend, Craig Johnston, to accompany him on a trip to NJ in the late 70's. Bitten by the flying bug, he started lessons at the LeRoy airport and eventually received his pilot's license. Needing something to fly, he became co-owner of a Cessna 172 with Craig. This eventually led to the purchase of a single engine Beechcraft Bonanza that Dick used traveling to Florida to manage projects that CP Ward was involved in there. Losing electrical power on one (or several) of his flights, he decided a twin engine aircraft was the way to go, so he upgraded to a Beechcraft Baron. Dick said he had over 2000 hours in this aircraft, most of it flying back and forth to Florida on his CP Ward business. So he became an experienced, instrument rated pilot.

His interest in aviation took him to the great airshow at Oshkosh in the mid-1990's. He decided he wanted one of the vintage aircraft he saw and took a liking to the WACO. He introduced himself to the WACO Club there and said he wanted one. One thing led to another and he was finally introduced to John Shue, from York, PA. Shue is one of the preeminent experts on restoring WACO's. Dick commissioned Shue to completely restore a UPF-7 for him. This took several years and around 2000 he took delivery of the beautiful, white WACO we've seen at our airshow. He took extremely good care of it and it looks just as beautiful today as it did the day he got it. It received a Champions Award at Oshkosh. He took this WACO to St. Louis every year for the American WACO Club Fly-ins and to other events around the Northeast. He was proud of his airplane and loved to show it to people. For this he received a Stewardship Award from the AWC.



Dick's 1940 Waco UPF-7 NC 29303

Benefactor

Dick's quiet generosity helped many people and organizations over the years. If he saw value in something, he would support it. Dick saw real value in the National Warplane Museum and supported it, both with his time and with resources. He was on the Board of Directors for the museum for many years. Dick was type-rated to fly "Whiskey 7" and was active with various museum aircraft. He was on the crew to many air shows. He was instrumental in the design, financing, and construction of the "Big" hangar. When the fields flooded one year, he sent pumps. When Whiskey 7 needed an engine, he helped out with that. When "Whiskey 7" wouldn't start to go to a show because of the cold, he sent a large space heater. When we needed to do some work on the landing strip this year, he sent a grader. The list goes on! And always without much fanfare. It was just the way he was.

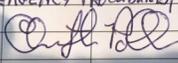
Friend

Dick worked hard and used flying as his outlet. He loved airplanes, he loved flying. He loved the people he met through flying. He had so much respect for the professional pilots that volunteered to fly for the museum, pilots like John Lindsay and Chris Polhemus, and they in turn respected him. They helped him get re-qualified every year. He enjoyed sitting around after a day at the show, having a drink and a cigar, sharing stories. He enjoyed the camaraderie! And he had the greatest of admiration for all the volunteers that worked on the planes and kept them flying. On one trip I was on with him, he bought the entire team supper! He was co-owner of the C-45 (Twin Beech Expeditor) with Austin Wadsworth. Dick also had an Aeronca Champ on floats that he kept at friends (the Mitchell's) on Conesus Lake. Several times a year he would invite friends who had seaplane ratings to come up and fly it, to keep their ratings current. He provided the plane and gas. He loved being able to share it with his friends!

A Celebration of Life for Dick will be held on February 16, 2019 at the Genesee Country Village and Museum, 1410 Flint Hill Road, Munford, NY 14511. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Genesee Country Village and Museum or to the National Warplane Museum, P.O. Box 185, Geneseo, NY 14454



Dinner with the crew at an away airshow

YEAR 2017	AIRCRAFT MAKE & MODEL	AIRCRAFT IDENT.	POINTS OF DEPARTURE & ARRIVAL		REMARKS, PROCEDURES, MANEUVERS	NO. INSTR. APP.	NO. LOGS
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Dick with Mike Lindsey aboard "Whiskey 7"

Editor's Note:

I've only known Dick Ash for a short time. Many thanks go to Austin Wadsworth, Craig Johnston, and Paul Carmichael for allowing me to interview them for this Memorial.

Brian Trzaskos

WHERE DOES ALL THIS STUFF COME FROM ?

My role, besides telling jokes, is to manage the collections. Collections is a lofty museum term to describe the carefully cleaned, labeled, documented, and safely preserved items of important history. My job, conversely, so far, has been to uncover, de-mold, and clean great lumps of items that have been unceremoniously left all over the premises.

Now, I am not saying we have been negligent; we just had not really been a 'museum', as our focus over the decades was to fix, and fly vintage aircraft, as it should be. The "America at Home" exhibit was pretty much 'the museum' part, until the Return to Normandy event created a need to have a bit more in the artifact and display arena.

That's when I moved here, and began to do just that, but I really had no idea it would turn into what the display area is now. I have been a member since the early 80's, but lived in Syracuse, too far to be a regular, but here I am, and I brought my



extensive WWII collection, which I am proud to share. The donation of nine of those huge, lighted, cabinets by the Spoon Co. in Macedon, was the real boost to have secure, professional, display cases. Those were \$8K each new, folks, so no small donation for sure, and many thanks to Bill Cooper for doing the transport to the museum with Donna and me.

As visitors see the displays, we are getting more and more donations. We keep saying; no more models, no more books, but check out the model collection complete with lighted cases newly added to Swanson. Also, the models hanging from the Swanson ceiling, and those in the two display cases in the long hangar are from another donation, all handmade dating from the 40's and 50's. We were just gifted a large number of 40's vintage Life Magazines, sometimes magazines are mostly worthless, trust me, these are real keepers, just in mint condition. So, I don't say no, but explain to the donors that we can sell, or trade excess items, and

we do. Just ask Ducky, Mac, as he sorts all the books, but I keep an eye on his discards, as I spied a first edition 'Up Front' by Bill Mauldin in his dollar heap. It is now in the Stars and Stripes display, and if you don't know who Bill Mauldin is, see me in private, don't embarrass yourself in front of Austin. Just this month a lady sent me pictures of some green shirt with a 'P' on it, and a green flight style hat, but I had no idea. I got it in the mail, and it is carrier, deck crew, color coded jersey, and tight hat for the wind. Green was for the guys who snagged the planes with the cable. Yes, it looked like nothing we need, but, WOW, who has a deck uniform? We do, now. Oh, the 'P', his last name initial.

There have been some outstanding uniform lots, one with a very nice, bomber, A2 jacket. Problem is that other than America at Home, we have no display area that does not put



mold all over the items, so that collection and others await a better facility.



To close on a slightly blue note, my kind of blue, as in bad boy; I was going through the pockets of a uniform collection, as I often find service ribbons, medals, bus tickets, etc. However, this time I came up with an item from a bomber pilot who must also have been a well prepared Boy Scout ready for a 'night mission', if you get my drift.

Never say no to a donation, and always check the pockets.

Jamieson R. Steele
Displays & Collections

OUTSTANDING DONATIONS GRACE OUR MUSEUM



As I mentioned in the other article, we have just been blessed with a huge donation from the France family, Connecticut, and Geneseo. They looked at many places to donate a huge model airplane collection, and six very nice barrister book cases. They chose our museum and the location to be in the Swanson building.

The glass front book cases, complete with a large collection of aviation related books, are now located in the main office, and a very attractive addition to the existing library. Not as attractive is our volunteer librarian, Mac or Ducky McLean. He has adopted the chore of sorting books, and magazines as they show up

at our door step, and set up these cases.

The model collection numbers nearly 500 airplanes of all eras, and some Bakelite ID training models. They are 1/72 scale which means each inch of model equals six feet of real aircraft.

The collection is housed in custom made cabinets with locking doors, and special lighting.

When you see this collection you will know why we really never should say no to donations. This alone is worthy of a special trip for visitors. A formal opening will be held come better weather.



These models were made during the 40's and 50's by Walter D. France of Waterbury, Cn. He worked at Scoville Brass Co., and they have produced all



kinds of brass work, many military buttons, and pins for over 100 years. His son, Walter Jr., preserved this collection when it came to him. Walter Jr. and Walter III (goes as Wayne), and their wives, approached us about housing this outstanding collection back in 2016. I honestly did not think they would consider our little museum; however, I

was thankfully wrong. They have paid for the transportation, set up, electrician, and carpenters to install this for us. They spent many days setting the models in the cases. Mac and Andy Ginsberg have also adopted this project, and have been helping with the endeavor, as have others. You all need to see this amazing display. We all owe the France family a huge ovation.

Jamieson R. Steele

Richard “Dick” Walters (1930-2019)

Richard “Dick” Walters, long time member of the National Warplane Museum, passed away January 29, 2019. He died in hospice care at the VA Hospital in Bath, NY, where he had been involved in many capacities since 1989.

A four year veteran of the Navy, he also served 2 year in the NYANG. His love of flying led him to volunteer at the NWM and the Curtis Museum.

2018 in Review

A Look Back at our Year in Air Shows



Feb. 24, "Movie Memphis Belle" liftoff for Batavia, heading to Florida



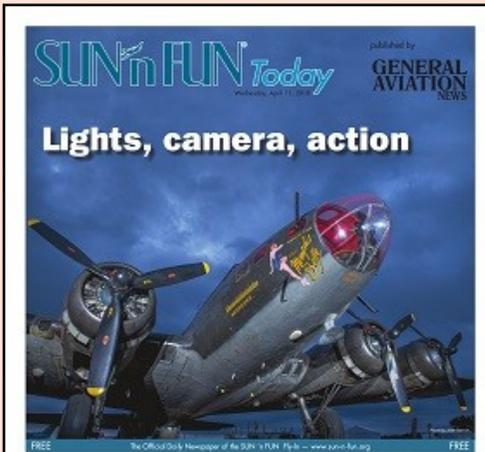
March 13 MacDill AFB, Tampa Bay (FL), Base Appreciation Day, B-17 Static Display



March 24-25 Melbourne (FL) Air and Space Show, B-17 Rides and static Display, USAF T-Birds



April 6-8 Space Coast War Bird Airshow Titusville, (FL) B-17 Rides and static Display



April 10-15 Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, FL B-17 Rides and static Display



April 21-22 Vero Beach Air Show B-17 rides and static Display, USN "Blue Angels"

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**May 4-6 Cherry Point (NC)
B-17 Media & Photo flights, static display**



**May 8-19 Grimes Field (OH)
Original "Memphis Belle" roll out**



**May 18-20 Military History Expo, Orange County (MA)
C-47 Jump Flights & rides.**



**June 1-3 Reading (PA)
B-17 Static display, C-47 Jumps**



**June 8-10 Niagara Falls Airshow, Media Flights
USAF "Thunderbirds", Canadian Forces "Snowbirds"
B-17 - 1 Rides Flight, Static Display
C-47 - 2 Jump Flights, 1 Photo Flight.**



June 22-24 Vectron Dayton (OH) Airshow

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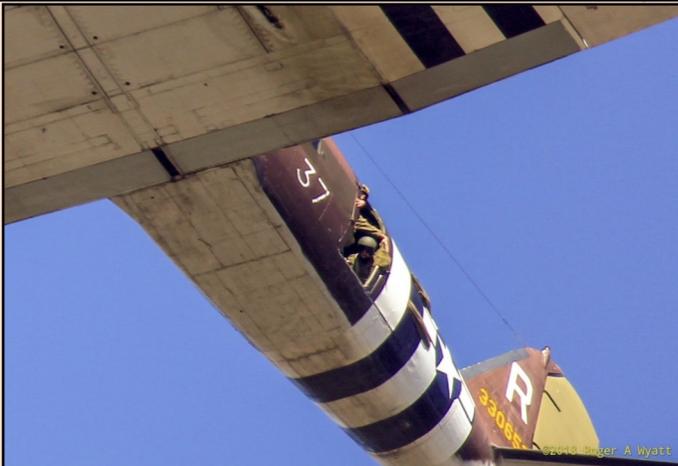
July 13-15 "The Greatest Show on Turf" B-17 & C-47 Show flights and rides, C-47 Jump flights



July 20-21 C-47 Cortland (NY) Air fest Sponsor flight, rides, static tours.



Aug. 24-26 New Philadelphia (OH) C-47 EAA Chapter 1077 Rides Weekend 13 Ride Flights!!



Nov. 9-12 C-47 Monroe (NC) Airshow Two Jump flights 15 rides flights.

Sept. 9 C-47 Alfred (NY) flyover in honor of Wallace "Wally" Higgins, member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen

Sept. 16 C-47 Hammondsport (NY) flyover of Curtis Museum's Seaplane Fly-in



Sept. 12-17 B-17 Stewart New York Airshow
Show flights and rides

Message from the Editor

So begins the 25th Volume of "Hangar Tales". We, at the museum, hope you are enjoying it! Feedback is always appreciated, so let us know what you like (or dislike) about it. Article and photograph submissions are always encouraged! You don't have to be a professional writer. Jamie and I have been carrying the load much by ourselves so far. We could really use some help! If you have questions about the museum, its collections, or would just like to suggest a good story idea, let us know. You can contact us at:

newsletter@nationalwarplanemuseum.com

Thank you.

Brian Trzaskos, Editor

2019 "Hangar Tales" Publication Schedule

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Publication</u>
Jan/Feb	Jan 30	Feb 6
Mar/Apr	Mar 27	Apr 3
May/June	May 22	May 29
Air Show Preview	June 19	June 26
July/Aug	July 31	Aug 7
Sept/Oct	Sept 25	Oct 2
Nov/Dec	Nov 27	Dec 4

VIP Flight at Grimes Field

One of the highlights of the 2018 season was the opportunity for the National Warplane Museum to be present for the official unveiling of the original “Memphis Belle” at the Museum of the Air Force, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton (OH).



“Aluminum Overcast “, “Movie Memphis Belle”, and “Yankee Lady” in approach to ceremonial flyover.

This took place on May 17, 2018, the 75th anniversary of the historic 25th mission. The original plan was to have the MMB and two other B-17’s (“Aluminum Overcast “ & “Yankee Lady”), plus 5 P-51’s, be on display at the museum’s airport to coincide with the debut of the restored “Memphis Belle”. Weather prevented this from

happening, but we were still able to take part in the “Gathering of B-17’s” that was to coincide at Grimes Field, Urbana (OH), home of the Champaign Aviation Museum and their rebuild/restore of the B-17 “Champaign Lady”. We were at Grimes Field from May 8th to May 19th, open for tours and giving rides. The MMB also took part in a 3 B-17 and 5 P-51 ceremonial flyover of the AF Museum to honor the original “Memphis Belle”.

While at Grimes Field, the “Movie Memphis Belle” had the distinct honor of taking some unique VIP’s for a special flight.

On board was Carol Tallichet, widow of the late David Tallichet (who retrofitted a B-17G as the B-17F model that NWM currently flies as the “Movie Memphis Belle”).



The original, restored, “Memphis Belle” on display at the Museum of the Air Force, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, OH

Also on the flight were members of the Wyler family, Melanie, Catherine, and David. Their dad, William Wyler, made the original 1943 documentary about the “Memphis Belle’s” historic 25th mission. (Note: Catherine also co-produced the 1990 dramatic movie version.) Their mom, Margaret, was David Tallichet’s sister. Also on board were Jonna Doolittle Hoppes and Peter Doolittle (grandchildren of Gen. Jimmy Doolittle), Richard Rymland, and Jane Wyler. It was indeed an honor and a privilege to have them on board for this flight. Also present at the event, but not on board the flight, were John and Bill Tallichet (David’s sons).



Standing (L-R): Jonna Doolittle Hoppes, Melanie Wyler, Catherine Wyler, Richard Rymland, Austin Wadsworth (NWM), Carol Tallichet, David Wyler, Jane Wyler, Peter Doolittle.

Kneeling, National Warplane Museum crew members (L-R): David Andruczyk, Craig Wadsworth, Thom Richards

2019 Calendar of Events



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EVENT	Date	CONTACT
MARS Sport Launch	1/1	www.marsclub.org
Garden Scape	3/14, 3/15, 3/16, 3/17	(585)243-2100
NWM Safety Down Day	4/27	(585)243-2100
**Rides Day	5/4, 5/5	(585)243-2100
WNFF Spring Opener	5/4, 5/5	Lyle Whitford (716)807-4748
Private Event	5/5	(585)243-2100
Private Event	5/11	(585)243-2100
Western NY Free Flight (rain day)	5/18, 5/19	Lyle Whitford (716)807-4748
MARS Sport Launch	5/25, 5/26, 5/27	www.marsclub.org
Empire State Champion Free Flight	5/31, 6/1, 6/2	Lyle Whitford (716)807-4748
**Rides Day	6/1, 6/2	(585)243-2100
*Fly In Pancake Breakfast 7am – 12pm	6/2	(585)243-2100
MARS Sport Launch	6/8, 6/9	www.marsclub.org
Private Event	6/21	(585)243-2100
War Games Among Warplanes	6/22	Wargames@yahoo.com
Private Event	6/29	(585)243-2100
LC Chamber After Hours	7/11	(585)243-2100
*GENESEO AIR SHOW ARRIVAL DAY	7/12	(585)243-2100
* Chicken BBQ 5pm	7/12	(585)243-2100
*GENESEO AIR SHOW	7/13, 7/14	(585)243-2100
* Steak Dinner	7/13	(585)243-2100
*Hangar Dance 6:30-7:15 instruction 7:30-10:30 Dance	7/13	(585)243-2100
Flying Aces	7/17, 7/18, 7/19, 7/20	
MARS Sport Launch Club Meet	7/20, 7/21	www.marsclub.org
**Rides Day	7/27, 7/28	(585)243-2100
VFW Annual Roast/Picnic	8/3	Dennis Staley (585)943-1782
**Rides Day	8/10, 8/11	(585)243-2100
Private Event	8/10	(585)243-2100
D Day Ohio	8/15-8/18	
Rochester Air Show	8/22, 8/23, 8/24, 8/25	
Yankee Air Pirate Challenge	8/24, 8/25	Lyle Whitford (716)807-4748
Living History	9/7	(585)243-2100
Chicken BBQ	9/17	(585)243-2100
**Rides Day	9/7, 9/8	(585)243-2100
War Games Among Warplanes	9/7	Wargames@yahoo.com
Great Grape Gathering	9/7, 9/8	Roy Smith aeronut.kos.net
MARS Sport Launch Club Meet	9/14, 9/15	www.marsclub.org
United Way Gala	9/21	(585)243-2100
**Rides Day	10/5, 10/6	(585)243-2100
MARS Sport Launch Club Meet	10/5, 10/6	www.marsclub.org
**Rides Day	10/19, 10/20	(585)243-2100
*Veterans Day Open House	11/11	(585)243-2100
*Christmas Party	12/14	(585)243-2100

** Dates Subject To Change

* NWM Event



BROKEN ?
DON'T CALL SUPER MAN,
DON'T USE SUPER GLUE,
CALL SUPER DAVE,
HE CAN FIX ANYTHING !

If someone who did not know Dave Andruczyk came looking for him, all you would have to say is to look for the guy in the hangar with the most oil stained, most tattered, Carhart jacket, and that is Super Dave.

He has been one of the Saturday hangar crew for many years, one of the volunteers that indeed keep our fleet in the air, and the ground machines ready to do their work. He learned about the National Warplane Museum while attending an air event, and thought he'd stop down to see what it was all about.

As luck would have it, Craig Wadsworth offered to take him up for a short spin around the field in the C-45, Beech, and he was hooked. He offered to help in the hangar, was offered a fix-it job, and had it fixed in no time at all. He continued to show that there was very little he could not analyze, and repair. ANYTHING. He is not sure who gave him the moniker; 'Super Dave', but it may have been while helping the C-119 guys, Ed Hopkins, or in the hangar. It doesn't matter, because if you have an impossible problem, he can fix it.



He got his start with his dad letting him try his hand at a lawn mower that defied any previous life saving techniques. He had it apart, cleaned, new gaskets, back together, and dispensing with tall grass like new. After that, he and his dad would seek out discarded lawn mowers, he'd fix them, and sell them, and make a few bucks, but all the while learning about what makes things tick.

("Super Dave" continued from previous page)



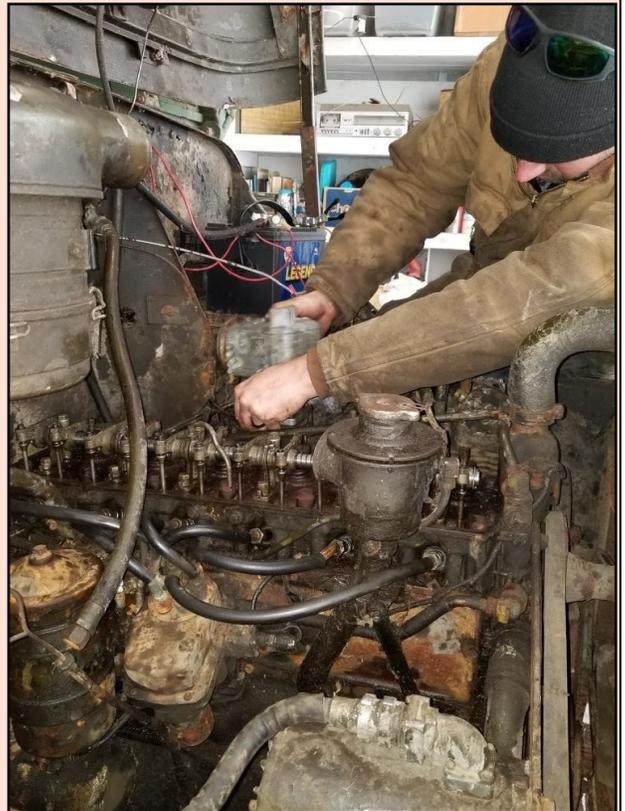
He pursued electrical engineering at Buffalo State, and got a Bachelor of Technology, and a minor in Computer Information Systems. While a student he had a part time job at the college and heard that the school would not be on line for a few more years. He was allowed to have his way with the system, and had them on line in three days, much to the chagrin of faculty in charge of internet services. He only but excelled in computer systems, and mechanical repairs from that time on.

His career remains with information technology, computer and systems repair. However, his talents grace the museum, ever the 'go to guy' for those im-

possible tasks. As Craig Wadsworth said, it is as if he can see the atoms, and electrons, and knows where they are going, and what they are going to do. He obviously has a very understanding wife, and while chatting with him, I learned that I know her family from where we both grew up. Small world.

It is a mean trick, but if you want something repaired, just be sure he can hear you, and just say, 'It is just junk, throw it out'. He will take it, and you will take it home all better. Nothing but a challenge to Super Dave. Thanks for all you do, Dave. Oh, and why don't you wash that filthy cape sometime soon.

By Jamieson Steele





2019 Air Show Volunteer Registration Form

It's not too early to start planning your participation – as always we need your help. The Geneseo Airshow will be held on July 12-14, 2019. To be more affective in our planning, we would like to know in advance if you are willing and able to join us. Please print out this page, complete it, and mail it to the address on the back of the newsletter.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ day

Address: _____

_____ evening

Email: _____

Hobbies/Skills: _____

Dates you are available to work: (please check all that apply)

___ Wednesday, July 10 ___ a.m. ___ p.m. ___ all day

___ Thursday, July 11 ___ a.m. ___ p.m. ___ all day

___ Friday, July 12 ___ a.m. ___ p.m. ___ all day

___ Saturday, July 13 ___ a.m. ___ p.m. ___ all day

___ Sunday, July 14 ___ a.m. ___ p.m. ___ all day

Preferred duty station (please indicate first and second choices)

___ Set Up (week before) ___ Garbage Pickup (during) ___ Clean Up (week after)

___ Main Gate Admission ___ HAG Huts (food service) ___ Membership

___ HAG Store ___ Tram Driver (std. shift) ___ Air Crew Shuttle Driver

___ Crew Tent ___ Veteran's Tent ___ Aircraft Tour Guide

___ Parking* ___ Pilot Accommodations ___ Supply Distribution

___ Dinner (Fri) ___ Dinner (Saturday) ___ Information/office help

___ RV Parking ___ Incoming Traffic*

___ Other: _____ ___ Flight Line * Age _____ **



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Museum Hours:
November 1 through April 30
Mon., Wed, and Sat. 10 a.m.—3 p.m.
May 1 through October 31
7 Days a week 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

The National Warplane Museum is a not-for-profit (501 (c) (3) public corporation with a Provisional Museum Charter issued by the New York State Board of Regents. We are dedicated to the restoration, preservation and operation of vintage and historical aircraft, particularly aircraft associated with World War II, the Korean War and the Golden Age of Aviation. The facilities and 5,000-foot grass runway are located adjacent to the picturesque village of Geneseo, NY. Founded in the 1980s, the Museum continues to promote and encourage the appreciation of military and civilian aviation, aeronautics and aviation history. It serves the community with flying events, museum displays, social functions and educational opportunities associated with these aircraft and their history. To date, we have twenty historic aircraft owned by or associated with the Museum. We are operating profitably and have increased the attendance to our annual Geneseo Airshow in each of the last five years. Plans for the future include expanded facilities and additional aircraft.

A P P L I C A T I O N F O R M E M B E R S H I P (O R R E N E W A L)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ e-Mail _____

City : _____ State _____ Country _____ ZIP: _____

Occupation: _____

Membership entitles you to free admission to the airshow and museum, a 10% discount at the museum store, one-year e-Mailed subscription to *Hangar Tales*, a window sticker for your car, and a membership card which is required for admissions and benefits.

Membership fees:

Please check if New Membership <input type="checkbox"/>
or Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>

- _____ Regular (18-59) \$ 45.00
- _____ Senior (age 60 and up) \$ 40.00
- _____ Junior (17 and under) \$ 15.00
- _____ Family (parents and children under 18. Please provide names & dates of juniors) \$ 85.00
- _____ Annual Corporate Membership \$225.00
- _____ Lifetime \$600.00
- _____ Check here if you need a new decal for your car

Mail this application with your check or money order to the address above